

of the Empowered Sub-Committee to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj on 15.7.2008. The Minister of Panchayati Raj conveyed to the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission on 10.9.2008 that the Chief Ministers had been regularly informed of all the meetings of the Empowered Sub-Committee and that there was no need to call another meeting of the Empowered Sub-Committee after the final meeting of 8.7.2008 unless circumstances demanded.

(b) and (c) A revised draft NDC Resolution was forwarded by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to the Planning Commission on 6.7.2010. Subsequently, a meeting of the Empowered Sub-Committee had been scheduled for 11.1.2012 which could not be held as some Members were not available. Now, the meeting of the Empowered Sub-Committee is proposed to be held on 25.5.2012 to discuss the draft Resolution to be submitted to the NDC.

Population below the Poverty Line

3007. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government has estimated the share of the population just below the threshold of the BPL line to the other side of the threshold in the calculations that have been made to determine how the rate of poverty alleviation has increased to 1.4 per cent per annum in the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): The Planning Commission has recently computed estimates of poverty for the year 2009-10 based on the data of large scale survey on household consumer expenditure collected by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) in its 66th round conducted during 2009-10 following the extant Tendulkar methodology. Based on the said methodology the Planning Commission has released the estimates through a Press Note issued on 19th March 2012. As indicated in the Press Note, the poverty ratio in the country has come down from 37.2% in 2004-05 to 29.8% in 2009-10. This implies that there is a reduction of about 1.5 percentage points between 2004-05 and 2009-10.

Growth of Urban Population of Developing Economies

†3008. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is fact that it has come in to the light on the basis of United Nations figures and estimates that the urban population of developing economies shall grow tremendously till 2037;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi